

2nd Place

People's Choice

## SUNRISE AMERICA

America, your sunrise begins over the sandy seashore  
on Assateague Island with its ponies galore.

Onward and upward the sun passes by  
to the Great Smoky Mountains that reach towards the sky.

Continuing westward to shine on more places,  
greeting Mt. Rushmore's historical faces.

Yellowstone wakes with a chill in the air,  
the sun quickly warms the elk and the bear.

Reaching the end of this great stretch of land,  
the Redwoods rise sunward with their branches so grand.

At last over oceans to volcanoes that spark,  
The sun's made its tour over our great National Parks!

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